



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, July 8, 2018
Fourteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM

Gathering: Holy, Holy, Holy BB 206

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103)

The Lord is kind and merciful. (2x)

Preparation Pescador de Hombres BB 504

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Take And Eat BB 361

In The Breaking Of The Bread BB 325

Recessional: Take The Word Of God With You BB 382

10:00 AM

Gathering: Holy, Holy, Holy BB 206

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

*I will praise your name, my King and
my God. (2x)*

Preparation Like A Shepherd BB 607
Be Not Afraid BB 432

Mass Parts Mass of Creation

Communion Here I Am, Lord BB 379

Pescador de Hombres BB 504

Recessional: Lead Me, Lord BB 630

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the parish office by email at jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net or by calling 603-382-8324. If you are new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. You can also find a registration form on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>. Thank you.

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$7,000.00 each week in order to make ends meet. Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. We depend upon your support!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
JULY 1, 2018
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

PARISH GIVING

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has engaged *Parish Giving* to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. It allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smart phone. You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend. Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

| | |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| July 8, 2018 | No Second Collection |
| July 15, 2018 | Fuel |
| July 22, 2018 | Parish to Parish Support |
| July 29, 2018 | No Second Collection |

Out of respect, please remember
to silence or turn off
your cell phones during Mass.
Thank you!



Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

| Annual Income | 5% Commitment annually/weekly | 3% Commitment annually/weekly |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$100,000 | \$5,000/\$100 | \$3,000/\$60 |
| \$75,000 | \$3,750/\$75 | \$2,250/\$45 |
| \$60,000 | \$3,000/\$60 | \$1,800/\$36 |
| \$50,000 | \$2,500/\$50 | \$1,500/\$30 |
| \$40,000 | \$2,000/\$40 | \$1,200/\$24 |
| \$30,000 | \$1,500/\$30 | \$900/\$18 |
| \$25,000 | \$1,250/\$25 | \$750/\$15 |
| \$15,000 | \$750/\$15 | \$450/\$9 |

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

| Your Current Offertory Contribution | 25% Increase | 30% Increase | 40% Increase |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$75.00 | \$93.75 | \$97.50 | \$105.00 |
| \$50.00 | \$62.50 | \$65.00 | \$70.00 |
| \$40.00 | \$50.00 | \$52.00 | \$56.00 |
| \$35.00 | \$43.75 | \$45.50 | \$49.00 |
| \$30.00 | \$37.50 | \$39.00 | \$42.00 |
| \$25.00 | \$31.25 | \$32.50 | \$35.00 |
| \$20.00 | \$25.00 | \$26.00 | \$28.00 |
| \$15.00 | \$18.75 | \$19.50 | \$21.00 |
| \$10.00 | \$12.50 | \$13.00 | \$14.00 |
| \$5.00 | \$6.25 | \$6.50 | \$7.00 |

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your friendship, gift cards, prayers, etc., and especially for your presence at Mass on June 17. I was deeply touched by such love and kindness. Needless to say, you have a special place in my heart and I will certainly keep you all in my daily prayers. I thank God for all of you!

Very Sincerely, Sr. Marylyn



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for the 2018-2019 Academic Year for Grades 1 to 8 has begun. If your child is currently enrolled, a registration form has been sent home. If your child is new to the Program, please call Joyce Szczapa in the Religious Education Office at 603-382-8324 for more information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you can help, please email Joyce at jszczapa@stluketheevangelist.net.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and wants to receive a visit, please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. If you or someone you know faces a hospital admission, make sure they know to inform the hospital that they are Catholic and are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish. If a person cannot make this information known at the time of admission, a family member may be able to make that information known to the hospital staff.



THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Our Parish community continues with our Capital Campaign to replace roofs on the Plaistow campus, and to raise funds to complete other projects in Newton and in Plaistow. Our three-year goal is to raise \$250,000.00. Besides the Plaistow roofs, we would like to accomplish the following projects: Plaistow church access ramp, Plaistow office building & convent window replacement, Newton rectory interior flooring, Newton church lighting and painting, Newton rectory painting as funds become available.

How can you help?

Any contribution is welcome.

Make checks payable to

Saint Luke the Evangelist – Capital Campaign.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Food or care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

For more information, call the St. Luke Food Pantry at **603-819-4949**.

WHILE AWAY THIS SUMMER...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Summer even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Summer months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, July 8
11:00 AM Baptism Catechesis *Plaistow*

Monday, July 9
NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, July 10
NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, July 11
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRAYER
NO DAILY MASS

7:00 PM Scripture Share – Pivotal Players *Plaistow*

Thursday, July 12
NO DAILY MASS
8:30 AM Adoration Begins *Newton*
1:30 PM Scripture Share – Pivotal Players *Plaistow*
8:30 PM Adoration Ends *Newton*

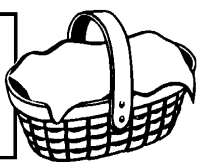
Saturday, July 13
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*



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St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners and friends to do the same.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



Your “Dropped Dollar” Hard At Work

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your “dropped dollars” are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box
on your way out of church.

Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those
who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 PM.**
We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New
members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St.
Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, July 7 ~ Vigil / 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mt 6:1-6a

4:00 PM Stanley Plonowski by Pat Zakiewicz
Plaistow

Sunday, July 8 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mt 6:1-6a

8:00 AM Joseph Thompson by Knights of Columbus,
St. Jude Council #6617
Newton

10:00 AM Deana Carbone (2nd Anniversary)
by Verna Carbone
Plaistow

**Monday, July 9 ~ Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs**

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
No Mass

Tuesday, July 10 ~ Weekday
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
No Mass

Wednesday, July 11 ~ Benedict, Abbot
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
No Mass

Thursday, July 12 ~ Weekday
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15
No Mass

Friday, July 13 ~ Henry
Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
No Mass

Saturday, July 14 ~ Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33 (Day)
Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13 (Vigil)
4:00 PM Paul O'Leary by Colleen and Mark Hammond
Plaistow

Sunday, July 15 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

8:00 AM Joseph Thompson by the Lumnah Family
Newton

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel
Plaistow

PRAYER LINE

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick,
injured, or suffering in any way.

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for
those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your
prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-
8324, ext. 314 or email her at
csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

✠ FAITH FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION ✠

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother Icon in Newton may be also be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office at 382-8324.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA** is intended to serve:

- Those not Baptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those Baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those Baptized Catholic but have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

PARENTS BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The monthly preparation session for infant Baptism will be held after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on **Sunday, July 8, 2018** in the Parish Office living room. All parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome. Families wishing to celebrate Baptism in the Church must be registered (according to Church Canon Law) and practicing (attending Sunday Mass) for 3 full months before a Baptism can be scheduled. The use of the envelope system is always optional; however, it does guarantee a manner of accountability. For most families, the Pastor or staff can easily verify attendance during these three months. Church Canon Law also regulates baptismal sponsors (godparents). Sponsors must be at least 16, fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and be practicing Catholics living Christian lives consistent with the Church's teaching. Please see Fr. Albert with questions.

QUO VADIS DAYS

AUGUST 6-10, 2018 ~ Young Men Ages 14-18

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the first annual Quo Vadis Days camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. Quo Vadis Days is an overnight camp led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports, and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. For more information, please visit www.liveinblackandwhite.com.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

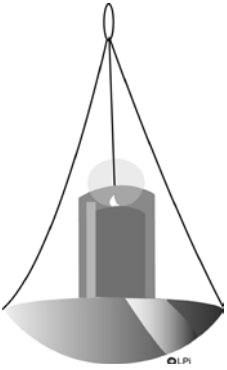
The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

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| Parish Office | 382-8324 |
| Parish Prayer Line | 382-8324 x 314 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | 382-8324 x 315 |
| St. Luke's Food Pantry | 819-4949 |
| Preschool | 382-9783 |
| Presentation of Mary Convent | 382-2744 |

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| Fr. Albert Tremblay | fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Cathy Smith | csmith@stluketheevangelist.net |
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| Youth Ministry | youth@stluketheevangelist.net |
| Parish Council | parishcouncil@stluketheevangelist.net |

✠ Parish News ~ Youth News ~ Around The Diocese ✠



The Sanctuary Candle in
Mary, Mother of the Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Edmond LeBlanc
by their family

The Sanctuary Candle in
Holy Angels Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Paul O'Leary
by Colleen and Mark Hammond

ST. LUKE'S WEBSITE! <http://stlukenh.org>

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" for the Pregnancy Care Center is underway. The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry offering life-affirming services designed to empower women and men to make informed decisions about unexpected pregnancy, abstinence education, and recover from post-abortion trauma. These services are free and confidential. Please pick up a bottle and fill it with coins, bills or checks (made payable to PPC). **Return them by the weekend of July 7-8.**



YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE PROGRAM

REACH in, out and up this summer! St. Thomas Aquinas High School is inviting **all rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade students** to an overnight leadership and service program that offers a hands-on service experience, faith learning, community reflection, and summertime fun.

Dates: August 6-9 (overnight)
Location: St. Thomas Aquinas High School,
197 Dover Point Rd., Dover NH
Cost: \$250 (financial assistance is available)
Register: www.stalux.org

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WEBSITE DESIGN

Our Pre-School-Kindergarten is looking for a website design. The site would feature information about the school and other related information. A great project for a student or beginner. Contact Fr. Albert if you are interested.

ST. JOSEPH REGISTRATION

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Tours are available throughout the summer by appointment. Come and learn about the many benefits of a Catholic school education, including our low student/teacher ratio. Ask about the CSF scholarship for transfer students. Questions? Contact Christine Latino at clatino@sjrcs.com or call 603-893-6811, ext 19.

**St. Luke the Evangelist Parish 11th Annual Juried
Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday, November 10, 2018**

You can be a big help by donating some of these items for the **Country Store**:

If you knit or crochet:

- ☐ Sweaters of all sizes needed (baby to adult)
- ☐ Afghans of all sizes needed (lap robes to king size)
- ☐ Scarves, hats, mittens (men & women, boys & girls) and/or pot holders & trivets

If you sew:

- ☐ American Girl doll clothes
- ☐ Placemats, napkins, table runners (seasonal)

If you can or make preserves:

- ☐ Canned vegetables, fruits, applesauce, jam, jelly, preserves of any kind, pickles, relish, chutney, etc.

Donations may be brought to either church on October 27 and 28.

For further information, send a message to stlukenhfair@gmail.com or leave a message for Julie Lamere at the Parish Office: 603-382-8324. Thank you!

**Cathedral Of Saint Joseph Choir
and**

Saint Anselm College Choir

**SINGING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD:
A CELEBRATION OF THE
DIVINE AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT**

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM

**Cathedral of Saint Joseph
Corner of Pine and Lowell Streets
Manchester, New Hampshire
603-622-6404, ext 31**

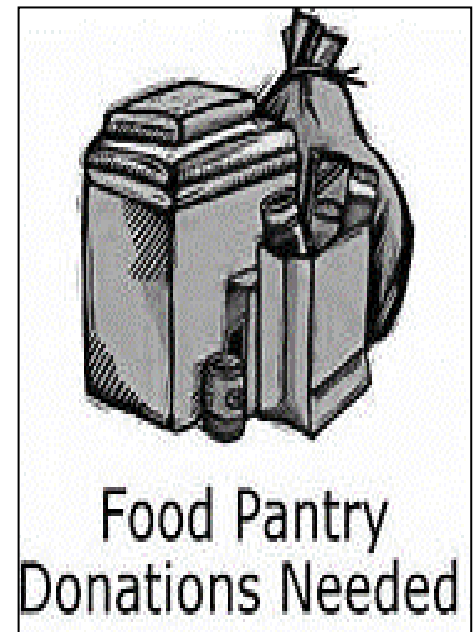
Free-will offering at the door

FOOD DRIVE

JULY 14-15

School is out, vacation season is underway and it is time to stock up our Saint Luke Food Pantry!

Please consider bring a non-perishable food item or personal care product when you come to Church on July 14-15. We also welcome cash donations – please make out checks to *Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry*.



The pantry welcomes the following items:

Pasta

Ramen noodles

Rice

☒ Peanut butter

☒ Jelly / Jam

Pasta sauces

Rice a Roni mix

Cake/muffin/ mix

Brownie mix

Pancake mix & syrup

☒ Mac & cheese

Cookies/crackers

Peanut butter & crackers

Goldfish or animal crackers

☒ Canned beans

Canned fruit

Canned meats

(Non-perishable)

Tuna fish

Juice boxes

☒ Canned pasta

☒ Hamburger helper

☒ Mashed potatoes mix

☒ Sugar free jelly & jam

☒ Gluten free items

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Shampoo

Deodorant

Soap

Laundry soap

Cleaning products

☒ **Diapers & wipes**

☒ - special need for these items!

**The Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry serves
the hungry of our community - THROUGH YOU!
THANK YOU!**

Saint Luke the Evangelist

8 Atkinson Depot Road Plalstow, NH 03865 TEL (603) 382-8324 FAX (603) 382-1113

July, 2018

Dear Parishioners of Saint Luke the Evangelist,

We know that summer is just beginning, but **“BACK TO SCHOOL”** will be here before we know it.

The Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry currently services between 150-175 families a month from area towns. We want to put together a program to assist local families who are struggling financially with some of the extra expenses of back to school shopping.

We would like to supply families with gift cards to Walmart, Kohls, or TJ Maxx/Marshalls to help with back to school shopping. We are asking for your help. If you would like to assist families through the Pantry, you can:

- 1) Make a monetary donation (cash or check made out to “St Luke Food Pantry”) with a notation in memo “Back to School.” You can drop your donation at the Parish Office, or put it into the collection basket during Mass
- 2) You can obtain gift cards yourself and put them into an envelope labeled “Food Pantry - Back to School.” You can drop the cards off at the Parish Office or put them into the collection basket during Mass
- 3) You are also welcome to donate a “Back to School” backpack with school supplies included. You can bring those to Church or drop them off at the Parish Office.

A receipt can be issued for any donation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marie Farren at 603.819.4949. Thank you for your support!

“Together we can make a difference.”

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLICISM: *The Pivotal Players*

Based on the multi-part film series from WORD ON FIRE

As stated by WORD ON FIRE: “You will discover the life and contributions of saints, artist, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of civilization.”

“We will discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. We will visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. This series will show us the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. We will travel through England to where John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. We will see the extraordinary art of Michelangelo.”

If you are interested in joining a group for six weeks either on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning July 11, or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., beginning July 12, please cut the form off at the bottom and complete. Completed forms should be returned either in the collection basket or at the parish office no later than Monday, July 9. Any questions, contact Cathy Smith at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net or at 382-8324.

Both groups will meet in the Church Hall

A reminder will be in the bulletin the weekend before we begin.

“CATHOLICISM: *The Pivotal Players*”

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Wed., July 11–August 15, at 7 p.m. _____ Thurs., July 12–August 16, at 1:30 p.m. _____

✠ AROUND THE PARISH & DIOCESE ✠



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

STAY INFORMED WITH FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NEWS

The Diocese of Manchester wants to inform Catholics about important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Faithful Citizenship News provides briefs on legislation as well as information about Catholic social teaching on some of today's pressing issues. To read the current issue of Faithful Citizenship News and to subscribe, visit www.catholicnh.org/fcnews.



Altar Flowers are a special opportunity for remembering a departed loved one or offering thanksgiving for a blessing or family event. A floral arrangement placed in front of the altar for the Sunday Liturgy can be purchased for an offering of \$85 (*increase is due to change in size of arrangement and deliver charge*), with an accompanying announcement in the weekly bulletin. Availability is limited according to the Liturgical Calendar. Offerings can be reserved on a first-come basis by contacting the Parish Office at 382-8324.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00.

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire, 1-800-894-5533. Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the diocese of Manchester is also encouraged to make a report to the Office for Ministerial Conduct, 603-669-3100. Church personnel – clergy, paid employees, and volunteers – have additional reporting requirements if they believe that Church personnel have sexually abused a child. You can learn more about these reporting requirements on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org or by speaking with our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Cathy Smith at 382-8324.

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you – or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Our Ushers are wonderful and diligent, but they should not have to face a Foxboro aftermath as each Mass ends! Thanks for being attentive and respectful!

F. Albert.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wmme.org.

NH COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend? If your answer is yes, you are invited to participate in the NH Couple Enrichment Circle to continue to strengthen your marriage relationship. For more information, contact David and Karen Demers at 617-480-9989 or ddemers@aviconpartners.com.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.





Bringing Home the Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 8, 2018

Overcoming Our Stubbornness

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My mother always thought I was a little bit stubborn. “Not stubborn,” I said, “but sometimes, I think things should be done a different way.” What I usually meant by that was that things should be done my way. “I know,” she said, “stubborn.” I recalled that conversation when my daughters reached the same age that I was when I thought my mother was dumb and didn’t know anything and my desire was to do always what I thought best. They have since conceded that I might know a little, just as I gave my mother that same credit

as I got older. We all have our periods of stubbornness. Sometimes we are right; sometimes we can be persuaded differently, and sometimes we have to persist until our mistakes become evident even to us, even if that means we suffer the consequences of our folly.

The people of Nazareth were astonished at Jesus’ teaching and wisdom. Their stubborn refusal to believe in him grew out of their familiarity. “We know him and his family,” they thought. “He can’t possibly have this power.” Stubbornness is a hard thing to overcome. Mark records that Jesus was amazed at their refusal to believe. Their very refusal made it difficult for him to perform mighty deeds (a phrase used of God in the Old Testament), and so he did what he could: He healed a few sick people. Some of us still have a stubborn streak. Has that ever interfered in our recognition of God’s power? Do we hang on to our belief that our way is best even if that hurts us? Reflect on that. +

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 2:2–5

Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites.

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ.

Mark 6:1–6

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary? ...He was amazed at their lack of faith.

A Word From Pope Francis

Some of you might ask me: “Don’t you ever have doubts?” I have many....Of course, everyone has doubts at times! Doubts which touch the faith, in a positive way, are a sign that we want to know better and more fully God, Jesus, and the mystery of his love for us.

—General Audience,
November 23, 2016



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- Does my familiarity with Jesus lead me to routine and lack of faith?
- What ways have I seen Jesus work and answer prayers?

Stubbornness is a hard thing to overcome.

Mark records that Jesus was amazed at people’s refusal to believe.



To Serve as Jesus Did

By Kathy Coffey

[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35).

Who in his right mind really wants to be a servant? Uneasily, we picture a butler in a British movie holding a tuxedo jacket for a wealthy, pampered boss. Is *this* what Jesus asks?

Perhaps our aversion to servanthood springs from the spunky independence of Americans. Descendants of bold pioneers who broke away from an entrenched system of servitude, we stoop to no one. We serve no master!

Maybe we need to wrestle with what Jesus' words mean today. Like conversing with a friend, we pose objections and he expands upon his original idea:

We might protest that we dread feeling vulnerable. When our livelihood, our schedule, and our work depends on the whim of another, we feel diminished. We're used to being independent adults—staying in charge, controlling our lives, setting our agendas. Then Jesus, with his startling one-liners and his heartbreaking humility, challenges us to rethink those easy assumptions.

He might gently point out that, bluster aside, we *do* serve others most days. Even the millionaire dad might chauffeur his kids to soccer games; the mom with the advanced degree still cooks the family breakfast—at least occasionally. Every time we fold laundry, weed the garden, or check homework, we are serving someone.

Quiet, Simple Sanctity

Jesus might remind us how our tradition has always honored quiet, ordinary service. The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote of the lay brother Alphonsus Rodríguez, contrasting the glorious deeds of warriors or martyrs with the simple dailiness of Alphonsus' job: Today we'd call it being a receptionist at a Jesuit institution. Years of upheavals passed while, uneventfully, "Alfonso watched the door."

Yet his name is preceded by a revered abbreviation: "St." The fact that Alphonsus achieved sainthood with little drama is good news for us. Perhaps we don't need to found religious orders, travel to remote missions, or perform great exploits, either. Perhaps sanctity is as close as the kitchen door, the math homework, the soup shared in kindness, the clean laundry, the offer of friendship.

As our imagined dialogue continues, Jesus gives not only his words, but also his life to help us understand. He directly experienced what he describes: total vulnerability. He who could have come into our world as a political ruler, military general, or respected scholar comes as a defenseless child. We all begin as infants, so perhaps that's not extraordinary. Then the surprise: He grows not into adult power but into

servanthood. He who made the universe washes feet, serves meals, and does "women's work."

Servants and Friends

Jesus' example of the great one becoming a servant begins radical reform of a social order built on superiority/inferiority, domination/subordination. He replaces that rickety social ladder with a paradigm where *all* serve each other. In Jesus' community, the distinctions are irrelevant because all belong to one mystical body.

God, then, is not distant dictator, but intimate friend. Furthermore, God not only befriends, but also serves. Any stigma attaching to serving is removed because it is done lovingly.

Through his words, actions, and vision, Jesus shows us that human life can sometimes seem as defenseless as a servant at the whim of an arbitrary master. But here's the difference: Our childlike vulnerability places us squarely in the hands of a compassionate God who never abandons and keeps us wholly secure. Our every breath depends on a creator who desires only good for us, loving us for all eternity. That is, indeed, a mercy. +

PRAYER

Lord, you accept everyone
with unconditional love.
Help me overcome my fear
of others so I can love and
accept them as you do.


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WEEKDAY READINGS

July 9–14, 2018

Monday, Weekday:
Hos 2:16, 17b–18, 21–22 / Mt 9:18–26
Tuesday, Weekday:
Hos 8:4–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:32–38
Wednesday, St. Benedict:
Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12 / Mt 10:1–7

Thursday, Weekday:
Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9 / Mt 10:7–15
Friday, Weekday:
Hos 14:2–10 / Mt 10:16–23
Saturday, Weekday:
Is 6:1–8 / Mt 10:24–33

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